## INSTANT MESSAGING COMMUNICATIONS CHANNEL FOR TRANSPORTING DATA BETWEEN OBJECTS EXECUTING WITHIN A MANAGED CODE ENVIRONMENT

5 Abstract

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A method, system, and apparatus for providing a communications channel for inter-object communication are provided. According to the method, a request may be received from a first object executing within a managed code environment to transmit data to a second object. In response thereto, an instant message ("IM") including the data may be transmitted to an IM server computer. The IM may be forwarded to the managed code environment in which the second object is executing. The IM may then be received by the managed code environment, the data contained therein may be extracted, and the data may be presented to the second object. A reverse path may also be utilized for return communication between objects.